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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-337 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (a) There [shall be] is established a Long-Term Care Planning
5 Committee for the purpose of exchanging information on long-term
6 care issues, coordinating policy development and establishing a long-
7 term care plan for all persons in need of long-term care. Such policy
8 and plan shall provide that individuals with long-term care needs have
9 the option to choose and receive long-term care and support in the
10 least restrictive, appropriate setting. Such plan shall integrate the three
11 components of a long-term care system including home and
12 community-based services, supportive housing arrangements and
13 nursing facilities. Such plan shall include: (1) A vision and mission
14 statement for a long-term care system; (2) the current number of
15 persons receiving services; (3) demographic data concerning such
16 persons by service type; (4) the current aggregate cost of such system
17 of services; (5) forecasts of future demand for services; (6) the type of

18 services available and the amount of funds necessary to meet the
19 demand; (7) projected costs for programs associated with such system;
20 (8) strategies to promote the partnership for long-term care program;
21 (9) resources necessary to accomplish goals for the future; (10) funding
22 sources available; and (11) the number and types of providers needed
23 to deliver services. The plan shall address how changes in one
24 component of such long-term care system impact other components of
25 such system.

26 Sec. 2. Section 47 of public act 00-2 of the June special session is
27 amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

28 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall [, within available
29 appropriations, establish and] operate a state-funded pilot program to
30 allow not [more] less than [fifty] one hundred persons who are sixty-
31 five years of age or older [and (1) who had] to receive personal care
32 assistance. In order to be eligible for the pilot program a person shall:
33 (1) Have received services under the personal care assistance program
34 established under section 17b-605a of the general statutes, [as
35 amended,] at any time within the twelve-month period preceding such
36 person's sixty-fifth birthday, or (2) [who are] be eligible for services
37 under the Connecticut home-care program for the elderly established
38 under section 17b-342 of the general statutes, [as amended by this act,]
39 provided the commissioner determines that such [persons are] person
40 is unable to access adequate home care services, to receive personal
41 care assistance in order to avoid institutionalization.

42 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall evaluate the cost
43 effectiveness of providing personal care assistance under the
44 provisions of subsection (a) of this section and not later than January 1,
45 2006, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a
46 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General
47 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health,
48 human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
49 on the pilot program operated under subsection (a) of this section.

50 [(c) The Commissioner of Social Services may, within available
51 appropriations, increase the number of persons participating in the
52 pilot program to no more than one hundred provided such personal
53 care assistance has been demonstrated to be cost-effective.

54 (d) Not later than January 1, 2002, the Commissioner of Social
55 Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the
56 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
57 health, human services and appropriations and the budgets of state
58 agencies on the pilot program established under subsection (a) of this
59 section.]

60 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The Commissioner of Social
61 Services, pursuant to section 17b-342 of the general statutes shall apply
62 to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for a waiver to
63 include in the Medicaid funded home-care program, services provided
64 by personal care attendants including, but not limited to, services
65 provided by nonspousal family members of the recipient of services
66 under the home-care program.

67 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2004*) The sum of one hundred thousand
68 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from
69 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, for the
70 purpose of conducting a comprehensive needs assessment of the
71 unmet long-term care in the state as authorized pursuant to special act
72 02-7.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To improve long-term care for residents of the state by: (1) Providing that the state long-term care plan shall be guided by the principle that

individuals with long-term care needs shall have the option to choose and receive long-term care and support in the least restrictive, appropriate setting; (2) providing funds needed to implement the comprehensive needs assessment authorized by the legislature pursuant to special act 02-7; and (3) expanding the state-funded personal care assistance program from fifty to one hundred persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]